

Community Planning Committee Meeting

Minutes for February 20, 2023

Present: Jennifer Borders, David Gerbec, Pam Politis, and John Scheflen

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm.

Previous Meeting Minutes: The minutes were reviewed and approved.

Arden Advisory Retreat: The retreat was held on Saturday, February 4, 2023 at the Buzz Ware Village Center. Jen is drafting a report that will include a summary of the learnings from the meeting. She will aim to share it with the Community Planning Committee (CPC) prior to the next meeting.

Old Business:

2023 Election: The CPC must nominate six candidates for three open seats. Jen and Pam have agreed to be nominated for another term. Skip Bailey, Walter Borders, Bev Clendening, Cookie Ohlson have also agreed to run.

Transportation Working Group: The group held a public meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 2023. The purpose of the meeting was to collect feedback on the many possible traffic calming options. The group will use the feedback to pare down the list of options which will then be discussed at the group's next public meeting in the Spring. Offering childcare during the meeting helped boost attendance. The group was also able to collect feedback from the children who attended the pre-meeting.

Governance Task Force: John provided an update on the Vacant Housing Ordinance. The task force is considering updates to the existing ordinance. The revised ordinance will be presented at town meeting after the task force reaches consensus on the changes.

All Arden committees have been contacted and asked to provide their applicable policies. The CPC shared its policies. The Audit committee replied that it does not have any policies in place.

Arden Community Relief Fund: Pam shared Jen's feedback from the last Advisory meeting with ACRA. Advisory's main concern was that the fund couldn't be limited to Arden. ACRA will reach out to Ardentown and Ardencroft. If the relief fund continues to be an ACRA program, donations would have to be collected by the Claymont Community Center. ACRA is not a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, so donations would not be tax deductible.

Next Meeting: The CPC's next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 15, 2023.

New Business: No new business was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.